

IN THE CLAIMS:

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8. (currently amended) A peeling member arranged in contact with or adjacent to a roller attached to an electrophotographic apparatus, said peeling member ~~comprising~~ consisting essentially of a metal support member, and a peeling sheet adhered to said metal support member with YAG laser spot welding,

said peeling sheet ~~comprising~~ consisting essentially of a metal plate and a polytetrafluoroethylene ~~sheet-shaped~~ film adhered thereto with a silicone based adhesive ~~to a~~ at an end portion of the metal plate where to form a polytetrafluoroethylene film tipped metal plate having a polytetrafluoroethylene tipped portion, said polytetrafluoroethylene tipped portion being the portion that ~~the metal plate~~ contacts or is adjacent to the roller.

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11. (canceled)

12. (canceled)

13. (previously presented) The peeling member as claimed in claim 8, wherein the polytetrafluoroethylene film has a thickness of 10 μ m to 200 μ m.

14. (currently amended) The peeling member as claimed in claim 8, wherein a surface of the polytetrafluoroethylene film for adhering to the ~~metal plate~~ peeling sheet is surface-treated.

15. (previously presented) The peeling member as claimed in claim 14, wherein the surface of the polytetrafluoroethylene film is etched by immersing the film in an ammonia solution of metal sodium.

16. (previously presented) The peeling member as claimed in claim 8, wherein the silicone based adhesive comprises dimethylpolysiloxane crude rubber.

17. (canceled)

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